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SUBJECT: RECENT PRESS ITEMS ON ARMENIANS

APRIL 16-17 WEEKEND PRESS CARRIED TWO STORIES RELATED TO
THE "ARMENIAN QUESTION":

A. APRIL 16 MASS-CIRCULATION HURRIYET REPORTED THAT
SWISS POLICE HAVE DETERMINED THAT TWO ARMENIAN "ANARCHISTS"
WHO PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE KILLING OF TWO TURKISH
DIPLOMATS HAVE FLED TO THE U.S. AND THAT THE SWISS HAVE
REQUESTED HELP AND INFORMATION FROM THE CIA. THE ARTICLE
ALSO CLAIMED THAT CONTRARY TO SOME REPORTS, SWISS
AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT TAKEN ANY SPECIAL SECURITY MEASURES
TO PROTECT TURKISH CONSULATES, TURKISH AIRLINES (THY) OR
THE TURKISH TOURISM ATTACHE'S OFFICE; THESE TURKISH AGENCIES
HAD HAD TO TAKE THEIR OWN PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.

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B. SEVERAL PAPERS APRIL 17 CARRIED TURKISH
NEWS AGENCY (THA) STORY ON PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN IN
ATHENS BY THE GREEK BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE
ON THE ARMENIAN QUESTION. ACCORDING TO THE THA STORY, THE
COMMITTEE'S SPOKESMAN, KATEM YAGCIYAN, SAID THE COMMITTEE
HAS HAD TWO MAIN GOALS: (1) TO MAKE THE ARMENIAN QUESTION
A TOPIC OF INTERNATIONAL CONCERN, AND (2) TO OBTAIN THE

TURKISH PROVINCES OF VAN, MUS, KARS, ARDAHAN(SIC), ERZURUM, AND BITLIS ALONG WITH SOVIET ARMENIA AND THE KARABAG AND AHALKALAR SECTIONS OF GEORGIA AND AZERBAIZHAN. YAGCIYAN REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD HAD CONTACTS WITH PRESIDENTS FORD AND CARTER AND THAT THE LATTER HAD COME OUT IN FAVOR OF THE ARMENIANS. IT WAS ALSO ALLEGED AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE THAT 40,000 ARMENIANS IN ISTANBUL ARE SUFFERING INTENSE PRESSURES.

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